

Remarks regarding the Drawings:

The drawings are objected to in both *Office Actions* because they fail to show Figure 28A and Figure 28B as described in the specification.

After a thorough review of the drawings and specification, it has been determined that some of the drawings were mis-identified in the original specification. Specifically:

There is no drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 4 in paragraphs [0012] and [0056] of the original specification. Instead, the described subject matter is shown in other drawings, e.g., FIGURE 3. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 5 in the original specification is actually FIGURE 4. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 6 in the original specification is actually FIGURE 5. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 7 in the original specification is actually FIGURE 6. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 8 in the original specification is actually FIGURE 7. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 9 in the original specification is actually FIGURE 8. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 10 in the original specification is actually FIGURE 9. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 11 in the original specification is actually FIGURE 10. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 12 in the original specification is actually FIGURE 11. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 13 in the original specification is actually FIGURE 12. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 14 in the original specification is actually FIGURE 13. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

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The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 16 in the original specification is actually FIGURE 15. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

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The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 18 in the original specification is actually FIGURE 17. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 19 in the original specification is actually FIGURE 18. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 20 in the original specification is actually FIGURE 19. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 21 in the original specification is actually FIGURE 20. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

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The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 25 in the original specification is actually FIGURE 24. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 26 in the original specification is actually FIGURE 25. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 27 in the original specification is actually FIGURE 26. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 28A in the original specification is actually FIGURE 27. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

The drawing corresponding to that described as FIGURE 28B in the original specification is actually FIGURE 28. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made.

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Since all of the Figures described in the specification (as amended) are now accounted for, no new or corrected drawings are required. It is respectfully requested that the objections to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Regarding priority, it will be appreciated that current application is related to provisional application 60/119,227 and non-provisional application 09/440,025 only with regard to subject matter, and not for purposes of claiming priority. The specification, paragraph [0002], has been amended accordingly.

Regarding the drawings, as explained in the previous section, some of the Figures in the drawings were mis-identified in the original specification. For example, the drawings corresponding to those described as FIGURES 28A and 28B in the original specification are actually FIGURES 27 and 28, respectively. Appropriate corrections to the specification have been made. No amendments or corrections to the drawings are required.

Claims 2-23 remain in this application. Claim 1 was previously cancelled. The examiner has acknowledged that claims 2-8, 14-16 and 18-23 are allowed.

Claims 5, 7, 11, 14 and 19 have been amended as suggested by the examiner to correct the identified grammatical informalities. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to these claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-11, 13 and 17 have been amended to provide the appropriate antecedent bases for the limitations identified by the examiner. These amendments also overcome the associated rejection of Claim 12, which is not itself amended. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for full allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely *Notice of Allowance* be issued in this case.

No fees are believed necessary for the filing of this paper. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/FBSI-25,939 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

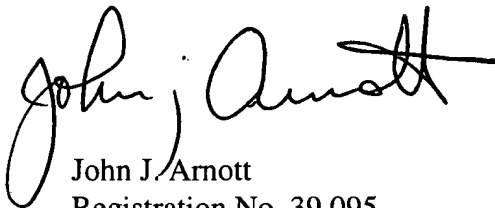
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